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Title: A METHOD OF  
ALLOCATING STORAGE  
IN A STORAGE AREA  
NETWORK

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## --A Method of Allocating Storage in a Storage Area Network--

CONCLUSION



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